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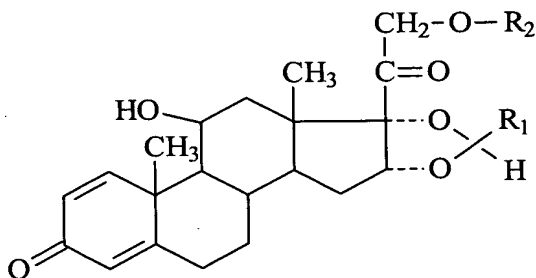
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation comprising

particles of formoterol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or physiologically functional derivative thereof, said particles being suspended in the formulation;
a compound of the formula (I):



in which: R₁ is 1-butyl, 2-butyl, cyclohexyl or phenyl and R₂ is acetyl or isobutanoyl, said compound of formula (I) being dissolved in the formulation; and

a propellant selected from 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane, 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane and a mixture thereof.

2. (Original) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to claim 1, wherein the formoterol is in the form of fomoterol fumarate.
3. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the compound of formula (I) is ciclesonide.
4. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the formulation further comprises ethanol.
5. (Original) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to claim 4, wherein ethanol is present in an amount from 3 to 20% by weight of the formulation.

6. (Original) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to claim 5, wherein ethanol is present in an amount from 3.5 to 20% by weight of the formulation.
7. (Original) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to claim 6, wherein ethanol is present in an amount from 5 to 20% by weight of the formulation.
8. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the propellant is 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane or a mixture of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane and 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane.
9. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane is the only propellant component.
10. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, wherein the formulation further comprises a bulking agent having a mass median diameter of less than one micron.
11. (Original) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to claim 10, wherein the bulking agent has a mass median diameter of not more than 300 nm.
12. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~, wherein the weight ratio of formoterol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or physiologically functional derivative thereof to bulking agent is in the range 1:0.1 to 1:25.
13. (Currently amended) A dispenser comprising an aerosol vial equipped with a dispensing valve, said aerosol vial containing a formulation according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1.
14. (Original) A dispenser according to claim 13, wherein an interior surface of the aerosol vial is coated with a coating comprising a fluorocarbon polymer.
15. (Original) A method of preparing a formulation according to claim 1, the method comprising the steps of (i) providing a solution of the compound of formula (I) in 1,1,1,2-

tetrafluoroethane and/or 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane and (ii) dispersing particles of formoterol or a pharmaceutically acceptable